

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The bazaar held at St. Luke's church, last week, was a decided success. Mrs. Flinton, as violinist, pleased the audience with several selections. Mr. Flinton gave two readings, which were highly appreciated. The success of the musical part of the programme was in a great measure due to the efforts of the Misses Tolmie.

B. C. Circle, No. 118. A. O. F., Companions of the Forest, will hold a social entertainment at Philharmonic Hall, on Thursday evening, May 3. By special request, the juvenile operetta "King Winter and the Fairies" will be produced in full, as written by one of the Companions, with full scenic effects.

Invitations are out for a fashionable wedding at Christ Church cathedral, next Tuesday. The daughter of a Wharf street merchant and a rancher of Cowichan are the high contracting parties.

A pleasant surprise party was given to Mrs. John Braden, 82 View street, Thursday evening. The time passed quickly and pleasantly in dancing to the music of Richardson's orchestra.

Capt. A. Freeman, of the steamer Capilano, and Mrs. Susie Brown, of Newfoundland, were married, Tuesday afternoon, in St. James church, Vancouver.

Walter Agnew has returned from Southern California, and is a guest of Arch. McGregor, Terrace avenue. He will leave for England in May.

Mrs. W. Wilson and daughter, who have been spending the winter in California, came home, yesterday morning.

Mrs. L. Jones, of 152 Fort street, and her mother, Mrs. Papst, will shortly remove to California to reside permanently.

W. A. Lawson, assistant cashier with R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., left for California, last night.

Hon. D. W. Higgins and daughter, Mrs. Rymur, have gone to San Francisco on a visit.

Mrs. R. J. Horton and daughter came up from San Francisco, yesterday morning.

C. H. Barker, of Nanaimo, was in the city on a short visit, during the week.

It is said that a couple of fashionable weddings will take place in June.

Collector Milne is recovering from a severe illness.

## THE MUSIN CONCERT.

A flood of music overtook Victoria last evening, but such a refreshing and deliciously overwhelming inundation has not been felt for some time. Ovide Musin and his superb company of artists, himself, of course, the great star, held possession of the fair-sized audience present. To the musical soul, Musin is the realization of the ideal spirit that one dreams of—he is passion and pathos, just as the whim overtakes him—he can incite feelings al-

most murderous, or he can lull one into a beatific peacefulness, master of all the varied emotions capable of being aroused, he holds almost despotic sway over his audience. Time goes on and each season Musin is the same wizard of the violin, for it is impossible to conceive of a human being possessing more absolute command of the instrument. Last evening he was simply Musin, nothing else, and that is all that can be said. He is as much beyond description as he is above criticism.

He opened last evening a concert programme, every number of which was encored, and some of them demanded two and three times. His first number was a caprice of his own composing, a brilliant, happy work, in which he appeared to great advantage. In response to an encore, he played one of those expressive berceuses which seem invested with a divinely sweet influence coming from such a master hand. His "Souvenir de Haydn" surprised those who had not heard him before, and added another link to the chain of popularity with which he is already circled. His bowings so marvelously rich, pure and powerful, his phrasing so full and clear, and above all the soulfulness and expression he lent to the music, elicited applause of a spontaneity only to be realized by hearing it. Possibly his *piece de resistance* was the selection, "Variations on a theme of Rossini," (Paganini) on one string, G, for which he was recalled three times. Miss Annie Louise Tanner, the American nightingale, who visited Victoria a season or two since, has only changed in name (to Musin); her voice is still as sweet, expressive and beautifully flexible as of yore, and she is just as welcome to the public. Mme. Musin's songs last evening were redemanded with the same warmth as ever. Her "Air and Variations," from Proch, showed the rippling beauties of a voice too well known to need description, but it was in the charming old Scottish ballad, which she gave as an encore, that she sang her way into the hearts of her hearers. Miss Bessie Bonsall has a sweet face, a quaint and pleasantly confidential way of singing across the footlights to her audience, and a contralto voice of wonderful range, purity and musical ring. Her "Sleep Baby, Sleep," was a dream in the rendition of lullabys, and her "Noble Signor" (Meyerbeer) showed a voice of grand compass and harmonious flexibility, which the audience were by no means slow to appreciate. In Mr. Elliott, the Musin concert company has an acquisition of considerable value. His tenor is clear, his notes are open and correct at all stages, and his method is pleasingly finished. He was just as warmly treated as his companions, especially in a duet from Il Trovatore with Miss Bonsall, and a "Laughing Trio" with that young lady and Madame Musin, the last number on the list, at the close of which for the first time, probably, a Victoria audience retained their seats and recalled the singers. Mr. Scharf, the accomplished pianist, is not the least able member of a company, all of whom are artists in their respective lines. His solos, redemanded as warmly as any other number, where the work of a man who lived what he played, and did not play it because some one else wrote it.

The Arion Club concert will be held on the evening of April 25.

The committee of the Victoria Canoe Club made almost perfect arrangements for their first annual ball, and the event was a great success. The Mount Baker hotel was handsomely decorated with Japanese lanterns outside, while the ballroom was quite attractive with decorations of paddles and flags. Host Virtue and his staff were untiring in their attentions for the comfort of guests. Richardson's orchestra fully sustained their reputation and responded heartily to numerous encores. The following were some of the guests present: Mrs. Dowdney, fawn satin, steel trimmings; Mrs. Erb, black silk, old gold brocade; Miss Erb, pale blue, bead trimmings; Miss L. Erb, white silk, cardinal flowers; Mrs. Heisterman, grey London smoke silk; Miss Heisterman, mauve and pink silk; Miss S. Heisterman, white satin; Miss Haynes, pink silk, lace trimmings; Miss Carmichael, white satin, natural rose; Miss Ida Carmichael, Nile green; Miss Christie, white silk draped with tulle; Miss Christie, white silk, beaded trimmings; Miss Seabrook, white and salmon satin; Mrs. Edward White, black silk; Miss White, white satin, natural flowers; Miss Gertie White, shell pink satin; Mrs. Gaudin, black silk, gold ornaments; Miss Gaudin, white satin; Miss Marie Gaudin, pale blue; Miss Jackson, white satin; Mrs. Albert Sargison, black silk and lace; Miss Denny, pink silk; Mrs. S. Nesbitt, white satin, pink velvet trimmings; Miss Pauline, pink silk; Miss McVicking, white satin; Miss E. McVicking, white and peacock green; Miss Adney, pink silk; Miss Sharp, white satin; Miss Keenan, white satin, blue trimmings; Miss Devereux, black and cadet blue; Mrs. L. G. Henderson, white silk, lace trimmings; Mrs. Herbert Kent, shrimp pink silk; Mrs. W. T. Marvin, sky blue silk, royal blue velvet trimmings; Miss Munroe, pink silk; Miss Scott, pink silk; Miss F. White, mauve and black; Miss Elli, cream silk; Miss Thain, green and old rose; Miss Johnston, white satin; Mrs. Simpson, yellow; Mrs. Smith, salmon pink satin; Mrs. Sherborne, white satin; Mrs. Gordon Graham, yellow; Mrs. Mesher, old gold brocade satin, en train; Miss Mesher, white satin, en princess; Miss Jamieson, white; Mrs. J. B. Gordon, black silk.

The undecided international game between England and Scotland took place last Saturday at Caledonia Park, again resulting in a draw—five goals each. A large number of the friends of both teams gathered to witness the game and one of the finest exhibitions of association football ever given on the coast was their reward. It is intended to have the matter settled at a convenient date, even if the teams have to play an extra half hour to decide which is the better team. England had the advantage of wind and sun during the first half, and crossed over at half time ahead by three goals to two, and, immediately on starting, again scored, raising the hopes of the supporters of the rose, but the brawny sons of Scotia were not to be so easily disposed of, and they worked like heroes to equalize, which they managed to do ten minutes before call of time. For the next five minutes, it was anybody's game, at the close of which England had registered her fifth game, and then a scene of the wildest enthusiasm was manifested, the supporters of England cheering themselves hoarse, as it was deemed impossible for Scotland to score again before time, but, in a twinkling of a moment, all was changed, for from the kick off a smart run was inaugurated, a hard shot into the goalkeeper's hand, a rush by the forwards, the goalkeeper on his back and the ball through for Scotland for the fifth time, again equalizing. If there was enthusiasm before, it was all excitement now, and with four minutes to play at that rate of scoring, any team might win. England kicked off, the ball was immediately returned to England's quarters and shot after shot put in only to be returned or go past, and the whistle blew with the ball in front of England's goal, the game ending in a draw. England had the assistance of three of the Royal Marines, while Scotland had the assistance of H. Pettigrew, of Rugby fame. To-day, the Wanderers' Football Club journey to Nanaimo to play in the final tie for the cup of the B. C. F. A. against the Nanaimo Rangers, and it is expected to be a great game. We wish them every success in their tie. Their team is as follows: Goal, Booth; backs, Hook and Donaldson; half backs, Glen, Decars and Blackburn; forwards, McCann, Begg, Peden, Johnson and Kierney.